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City of Cincinnati

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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2015

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept a donation of art displays worth approximately \$413,000 from Artworks, to be placed in various locations on public and private property throughout downtown, the Banks, and Over-the-Rhine as determined to be appropriate by the City of Cincinnati, with the permission of the owners of any property upon which an art piece is to be installed.

WHEREAS, Artworks has created and developed a plan for art displays, to be fabricated of standalone 3D block lettering, vinyl on windows, vinyl on walls, light projected onto vinyl on walls, or light projected onto the ground, and Artworks has proposed locations for the art pieces throughout downtown, the Banks, and Over-the-Rhine; and

WHEREAS, approximately thirty-eight of the art pieces consist of five-by-seven foot vinyl displays that include creatively written excerpts from a poem about Cincinnati, entitled "Seven Hills and A Queen to Name Them," paired with or incorporated into other interesting visuals; and

WHEREAS, approximately ten larger pieces are made of vinyl, light projected onto vinyl panels, or light projected onto the ground, displaying phrases that are excerpts from the same poem, and the lettering is large enough to be immediately visible on the exterior of each building; and

WHEREAS, one art piece consists of standalone 3D letters forming the phrase "Sing the Queen City," a line from the end of the poem, to be placed on the ground in the green area in front of the Freedom Center at the Banks, and this 3D lettering is the only display intended by Artworks to be a permanent installation; and

WHEREAS, included in or adjacent to each art piece will also be a symbol of the Artworks project, "#InkYourLove," pursuant to which all of the art was created, and the seal of the City of Cincinnati and the logos of the sponsoring organizations; and

WHEREAS, Artworks has offered to donate all of the other art pieces to the City to be displayed from roughly mid-June to early November; and

WHEREAS, Artworks has coordinated with and obtained permission from the owners of all property upon which art displays are proposed to be installed or projected, including right-of-entry permission for all public property locations, and none of the public property locations include the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 5, 2015, the City Planning Commission reviewed and approved the proposed locations for the art pieces, as required by Article VII, Section 4, of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the proposed gift is in accordance with “Compete Goal 3: Become nationally and internationally recognized as a vibrant and unique city” as described on page 121 and with “Live Goal 1: Build a robust public life” as described on page 149 of Plan Cincinnati (2012); and

WHEREAS, the approximate value of the art displays is \$413,000, and the donation will enable the City to cultivate a unique and creative atmosphere for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the summer and early fall of 2015; and

WHEREAS, Council considers acceptance of the donation of the proposed art from Artworks to be in the best interest of the City; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the City of Cincinnati hereby accepts the generous donation of art displays worth approximately \$413,000 from Artworks, to be placed at locations throughout downtown, the Banks, and Over-the-Rhine.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept said gift on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.

Section 3. That the City Manager shall oversee, manage, and direct the installation, maintenance, and removal of all art displays donated in connection this ordinance, which installation, maintenance, and removal shall be carried out in cooperation with Artworks.

Section 4. That the proper City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of Sections 1 through 3 hereof.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is

the immediate need to accept the gift so that the art will be installed as soon as possible for the public and visitors to Cincinnati to enjoy for the entire summer and fall.

Passed: _____, 2015

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk